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SUBJECT: DRAFT GOC NARCOTICS LEGISLATION

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1. BECAUSE OF OTHER POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS,  
AND TIME REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONAL DRAFTING GOC  
DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE DRAFT NARCOTICS LEGISLATION AT SESSION  
OF CONGRESS ENDING DEC. 15. AS IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT  
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF LEGISLATURE WILL BE CONVENED,  
INTRODUCTION OF THIS OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION WILL DEPEND UPON  
DECISION OF NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION WHICH WILL TAKE  
OFFICE IN AUGUST 1978. ANY SUBSEQUENT ENACTMENT WOULD BE BY  
NEW CONGRESS ELECTED IN FEBRUARY 1978.

2. INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT LEGISLATION WERE PROVISIONS FOR  
THE CONFISCATION OF REAL PROPERTY USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF  
PLANTS FROM WHICH ILLICIT DRUGS (NOT ONLY MARIJUANA) CAN BE  
EXTRACTED. THE OWNERS, POSSESSORS, RENTERS OR TENANTS -- IN  
ADDITION TO THE LOSS OF THEIR PROPERTY -- COULD BE SUBJECT TO  
PRISON SENTENCES FROM TWO TO EIGHT YEARS AND HAVE CERTAIN  
LIMITATIONS PLACED ON THEIR RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, DISPOSE OF, OR  
RENT REAL PROPERTY. ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE ILLEGAL CULTIVATION  
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OF SUCH PLANTS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TWO TO EIGHT YEAR PRISON  
SENTENCES AND FINES OF TWENTY THOUSAND TO FIVE HUNDRED  
THOUSAND PESOS.

3. SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR CONFISCATION OF REAL PROPERTY  
USED IN THE PROCESSING OF ILLICIT DRUGS WERE ALSO INCLUDED  
IN THE DRAFT. PRISON SENTENCES FOR THESE OFFENSES COULD

RANGE FROM THREE TO TWELVE YEARS AND AGAIN THERE WOULD BE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, DISPOSE OF, OR RENT REAL PROPERTY.

4. PERSONS BRINGING ILLICIT DRUGS IN ANY FORM INTO COLOMBIA, PROCESSING THEM OR TRAFFICKING IN THEM IN ANY WAY WHILE IN THE COUNTRY, OR TAKING THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRISON SENTENCES OF THREE TO TWELVE YEARS AND FINES OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO ONE MILLION PESOS.

5. THE DRAFT DEFINED PERSONAL DOSAGES AS 20 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 7 GRAMS OF HASHISH, AND 2 GRAMS OF COCAINE. THE PERSONAL DOSAGE OF LSD WAS NOT YET DETERMINED. THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL DOSAGE WAS SET AT A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED TO FIVE THOUSAND PESOS FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, OR ONE DAY OF ARREST FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED PESOS OF THE FINE, BUT NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF NINETY DAYS. FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, SENTENCES OF ONE TO SIX MONTHS PRISON, AND IN THE CASE OF A FOREIGNER EXPULSION FROM COLOMBIA, COULD BE IMPOSED.

6. FURTHER PROVISIONS WOULD INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKERS BY UP TO THREE YEARS IF THEY USED MINORS, THE SICK, THE MENTALLY DEFICIENT, OR DRUG ADDICTS IN THEIR TRAFFICKING. PENALTIES FOR THE USE OF DRUGS OR DOPING IN SPORTS EVENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN IMPOSED.

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